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C O N F I D E N T I A L MUSCAT 1165

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA; ARAB LEAGUE MEETING IN CAIRO

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1. AFTERNOON OCTOBER 15 AMBASSADOR CALLED ON MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ZAWAWI TO DISCUSS KOREAN ITEM. HAD HARDLY LAUNCHED SUBJECT WHEN ZAWAWI QUICKLY RESPONDED THAT OMANGOV POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION (WHICH HE REPEATEDLY TERMED "FRENCH RESOLUTION") IS HARD AND FAST, AS IS ITS OPPOSITION TO "HOSTILE" RESOLUTION. HE SAID OMANI VOTES IN UNGA WILL BE YES ON THE FORMER, NO ON THE LATTER. ADDED THAT HE HAS GIVEN CLEAR, UNAMBIGUOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT TO OMANDEL NEW YORK.

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2. AMBASSADOR, AFTER THANKING MINISTER FOR THIS POSITIVE

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SUPPORT ON ISSUE THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM FOR USG ON THIS YEAR'S UNGA AGENDA, THEN FOCUSSED ZAWAWI'S ATTENTION ON POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER SIDE MIGHT TRY TO PRESS HOSTILE RES TO THE VOTE AS EARLY AS FIRST MEETING ON SUBJECT OCTOBER 21; THEREFORE, OMAN'S SUPPORT ON VOTING PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RES, AND ON OTHER POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL MOVES, WOULD BE ESSENTIAL. ZAWAWI NODDED AGREEMENT AND INDICATED HE WOULD GIVE REQUISITE INSTRUCTIONS TO OMANDEL. (HE PROBABLY WILL DO THIS TO OMAN PERMREP HAGRAS IN PERSON, FOR ZAWAWI PLANS FLY TO CAIRO OCTOBER 17 TO TAKE PART IN ARAB FONMINS MEETING OCT. 18-20. HAGRAS APPARENTLY WILL BE THERE ALSO.)

3. RE PARA 2 MUSCAT 1161, BRITISH EMBASSY OVERNIGHT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON KOREA AND REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS. AMB TREADWELL SAW ZAWAWI SHORTLY BEFORE WE DID AND BRITS TELL US THAT ZAWAWI'S POSITION WAS SAME AS TAKEN WITH US.

4. RE PARA 1 MUSCAT 1161, IN VIEW OF STAUNCH OMANGOV POSITION, MAY BE SUPERFLUOUS AT LEAST FOR NOW TO PROD FRENCH INTO JOINING LOBBYING ON KOREAN ISSUE. POSSIBLY THEIR ACTION WOULD HAVE MORE IMPACT AT SOME LATER JUNCTURE.

5. ZAWAWI KNEW OF NO APPROACH TO OMANDEL NEW YORK BY SAUDIS, BUT MENTIONED THAT SAUDIS WELL AWARE THAT OMAN IS BACKING ROK IN UNGA DISCUSSIONS AND VOTING.

6. SEPARATE SUBJECT: WHILE ZAWAWI DID NOT MENTION WHETHER HE EXPECTED KOREA TO BE TOPIC AT CAIRO MEETING, HE DID SAY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE REPORT TO MINISTERS BY ARAB LEAGUE FACTFINDING COMMITTEE SET UP LAST YEAR TO VISIT PDRY AND DHOFAR TO TRY TO FIND PEACEFUL WAY OUT OF DHOFAR WAR. SAID HE REALLY HAD NO IDEA HOW DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC MIGHT DEVELOP. (AT ARAB LEAGUE'S OCT. 15-16 CAIRO DISCUSSION OF LEBANESE QUESTION, OMAN IS BEING REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO ASSISTED BY TWO JUNIOR MEMBERS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.)
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